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In re Application of:  
Michael S. Dashefsky and  
Edward R. Larson  
Application No. 09/821,774  
Filed: March 29, 2001  
Title of Invention: COMPUTER  
PROCESS FOR MODELING FLOW OF  
PATIENTS THROUGH HOSPITAL UNITS

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
DECISION GRANTING  
STATUS  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a), filed January 16, 2002, to allow the other inventor(s) to proceed with the application on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor.

The petition is **granted**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby **accorded Rule 1.47(a) status**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Michael S. Dashefsky, refuses to sign the declaration after being presented with the above-identified application and declaration.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the Petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for continued processing.

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LETTER

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Dear Mr. Dashefsky:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Derek L. Woods at (703) 305-0014. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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